

the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2. 1-12

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The Collection Plate will be passed around during the Offertory Hymn. If you don't have any cash on you, there is an electronic giving terminal at the back of church.

A CHURCH NEAR YOU website: are you aware of this web site? You can find out about church services taking place in a church near to where you are, eg, if you are away on a holiday. I try to keep our pages on the web site up to date (as well as our own benefice web site) and A Church Near You keeps a count of the number of people viewing our pages. You might be interested to know that in the 7 days prior to 3rd January, 403 people viewed our pages (three times more than in the same period last year). In the previous 30 days, the number was 1,316 (more than twice as many as in the same period last year). If only a few of these people were motivated to come along to one or more of our Christmas services, then it's a very worthwhile exercise.

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A new **Alpha Course** will be run starting in April. Would you be interested, or can you think of anyone who might be?

Alternatively, if you would like to be involved in delivering the course, then you would be very welcome to come to the Alpha meetings - the next one is Wed 15th Jan at 5.15pm at the Salvation Army Citadel.

During the Vacancy, either leave a message on the church office 'phone (01653 692089) or contact Mike Rhodes (01653 531339 between 9am and 5pm) or speak to Heather Williams. All contact details in the church address book.

The new **Prayer Diary** for January to March 2025 provided by the Diocese offers a pattern of praying for the start of the new year and is there to help us to pray for and with one another. Use the link below to find the downloads on the Diocese web site.

[Diocesan Prayer Diary - Diocese of York](#)

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Items for Weekly Sheet to:
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St Michael's Church, Malton

The Church in the Market Place

*We are a church, who invites and welcomes others,
to journey together, growing in our love of Christ
and deepening our relationship with Him.*

**5th
January
2025**

Welcome to our All-Age service today, which has no Eucharist. Coffee is served at the end of the service; please stay for fellowship and, if you are new to St Michael's, make yourself known to us.

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence
in your Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All-Age
service
for
Epiphany**



Website: www.maltonbenefice.org.uk

A big thank you to the All-Age team for putting together our service today.

All the songs and hymns are printed in the service booklet. At the end of the service, Alison will play Rhapsodie sur des Noels by Eugène Gigout.



BENEFICE PRAYERS WEEK 21

Please pray for those who live or work in these roads: Fitzwilliam Drive, Howe Road, Paul's Row, St Leonard's Lane and Winthrop Close.

MALTON & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB INVITATION

1.30 for 2.00 pm on 21 January at the Rugby Club Malton for a 'Back to Basics' demonstration by Sally Goodrick. Focusing on pedestals and arrangements which would be very suitable for St Michael's church windows. Ideal for our volunteers on the Flower Rota and aimed at beginners and anyone who would enjoy a 'refresher' experience. The cost is £7 & tea, coffee & biscuits are provided. If you are interested just turn up on the day. We would love to see you. Any queries, then have a word with Barbara Adamson or Anne Bell at church, or give them a call on 697233 or 489423.

If anyone would appreciate a home visit and/or home Communion, then please contact Connie Clark on 07544 380163.

Next Sunday (12th): No service at St Michael's. Instead, we are invited to worship with our Methodist friends at the Wesley Centre. Their annual Covenant Service starts at 10 am.

Sunday 19th January: Rise & Shine will take place at 9.30 am as usual but there will be no Parish Communion service. Instead, we are invited to worship with Churches Together in Southern Ryedale (CTSR) at Norton College. Start time 11 am.

Iona-style service for Epiphany today.

Service starts at 4pm.
Tea & cake afterwards. All welcome.



READINGS & DUTIES

Sunday 26th January at 9.30 am

Readings	Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinth. 12. 12-31a Luke 4. 14-21
Duty Leader	Connie Clark
Assistant	Tracey Young
Sidesperson	Joyce Birch
Readers	Connie Clark Tracey Young
Intercessions	Marg Rhodes
Chalice	Connie Clark
Coffee	Elaine Ramsey Marg Rhodes
Flowers	Barbara Adamson

Readings for Epiphany

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. Isaiah 60, 1-6

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery, hidden for ages in God, who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. Ephesians 3. 1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over